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Performance and Asset Allocation Review 1st Quarter 2015

Macomb Township ACT 345 Retirement System

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First Quarter 2015 Review

- ❖ January declines in equity markets were followed by strong a February and volatile March.
- Counter to full-year 2014, a number of last year's weakest geographies outperformed U.S. Large Cap equities in Q1:
 - U.S. Large Cap Equities (SP500 +1%) were generally flat
 - Small & Mid Cap (MSCI) in the U.S. led, +4.4%.
 - MSCI U.S. Growth stocks were +4.1%, while Value declined with -1.4% performance.
- U.S. Dollar strength in Q1 overshadowed significant equity performance in many non-U.S. markets.
 - Overall, the MSCI All Country World Index was +2.4% in the quarter in U.S. Dollar terms, compared to +5% in local currencies.
 - Differences were most pronounced in European markets that were up 11.7% locally vs. 3.6% for a U.S.-based investor (MSCI Europe), and to a lesser extent in Emerging Markets, +4.9% locally vs. 2.4% for U.S. investors (MSCI EM).
- * Bonds in the U.S. were generally higher across the board owing to further rate declines.
- Non-U.S. bonds were generally positive in local currencies, however were anywhere from negative to slightly positive for U.S.-based investors due to currency effect.
- Bond yields remain historically low, having dropped further in the U.S. this past quarter as well as in European markets.
 - U.S. 10 and 30-year ended March with 1.9% and 2.5% yields, respectively.
 - German 10 and 30-year Bunds offered 0.17% and 0.61%, respectively. And, German 2 and 5 year yields ended March with negative yields (-0.25% 2-year).
- Markets have been primarily fixated on potential Federal Reserve action as a backdrop to market-related news, at times reacting with *bad news is good* when weaker data suggest the Fed may hold off longer.

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Performance Overview



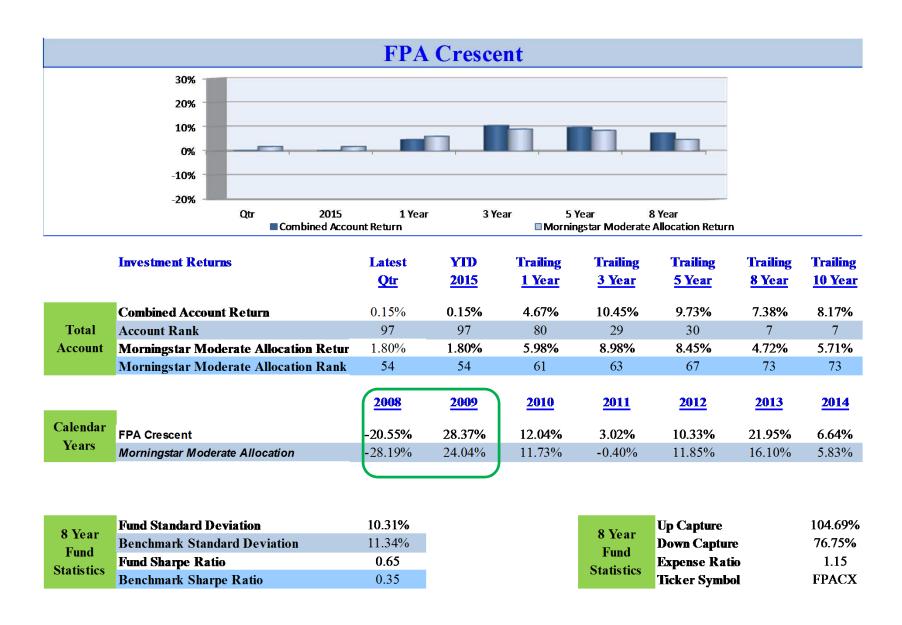
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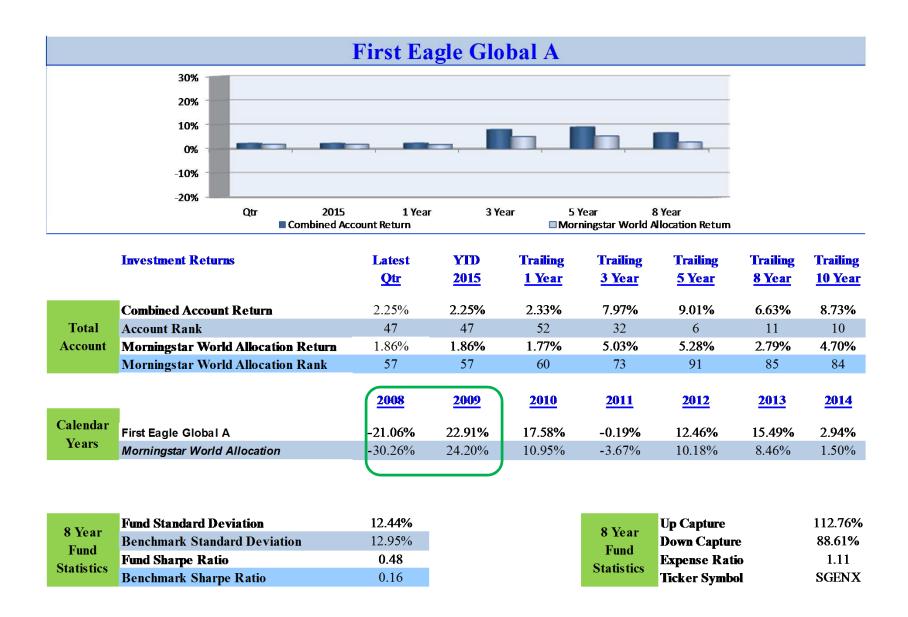
Total Fund Performance

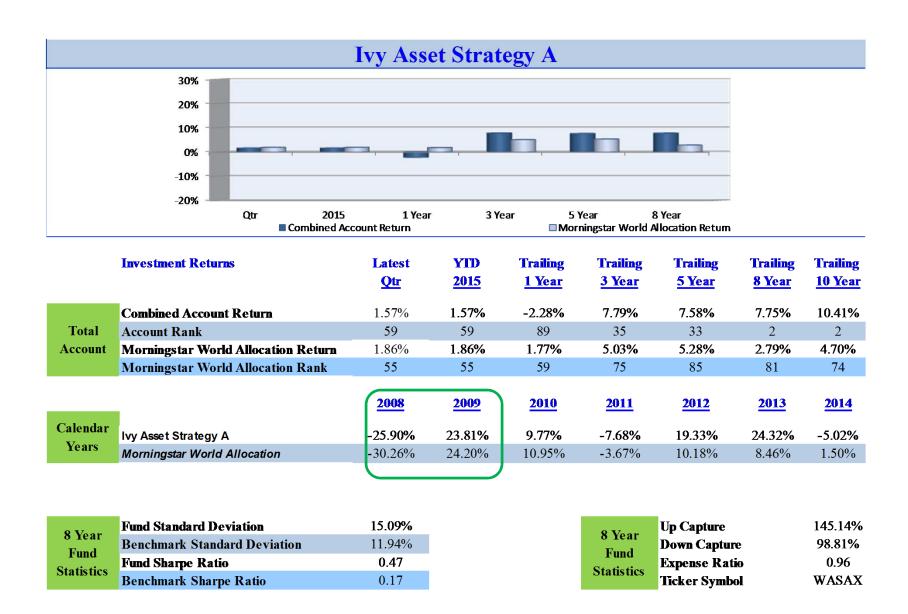


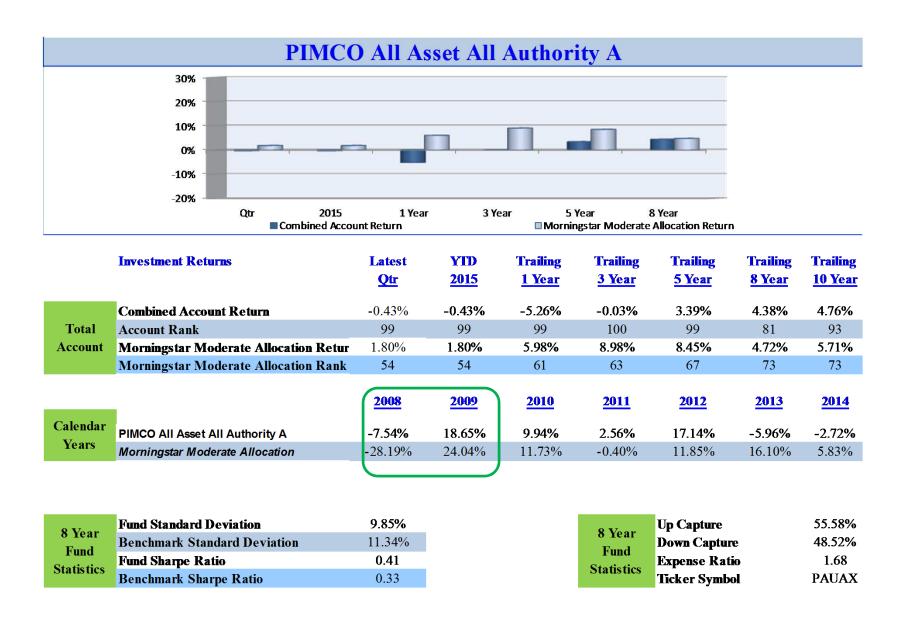
			1st Qtr	FYTD	YTD	Trailing	Trailing	Trailing	Since Inception
	Total Account	Investment Returns (%)	<u>2015</u>	3/31/2015	3/31/2015	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Sep-09
		Combined Account Return	1.64%	-1.79%	1.64%	-0.10%	3.00%	3.69%	4.20%
		Actuarial Assumption - 5%	1.23%	3.74%	1.23%	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%
		Morningstar Moderate Allocation	1.80%	2.34%	1.80%	5.98%	8.98%	8.45%	9.65%

	1st Qtr	YTD	
	<u>2015</u>	3/31/2015	
Beginning Market Value	\$2,244,194	\$2,244,194	
Contributions/Withdrawals	-\$1,250	-\$1,250	
Net Invested Capital	\$2,242,944	\$2,242,944	
Gain/Loss	\$36,746	\$36,746	
Ending Market Value	\$2,279,690	\$2,279,690	











Mutual Fund Fee Schedule – 1st Quarter 2015

Allocation % As of 03/31/15	Mutual Fund	<u>\$ Value</u>	Expense Ratio	Quarterly Amount Paid
24.88%	PIMCO All Asset All Authority	\$567,139	1.68%	\$2,381.98
25.08%	First Eagle Global	\$571,836	1.11%	\$1,586.84
24.62%	Ivy Asset Strategy	\$561,188	0.96%	\$1,346.85
25.09%	FPA Crescent	\$572,019	1.23%	\$1,758.96
0.33%	Cash	\$7,508	0.00%	\$0.00
100%				
Average Weighted	Expense Ratio	\$2,279,690		\$7,074.64

The above expenses are estimated based on the dollar values at the end of the period and should be treated as approximations only

Graystone Quarterly Consulting Fee of \$1,250 or \$5,000 annually



Target Asset Allocation: As of 5/31/2015

				% Allocation	\$ Allocation	\$ Allocation	
Asset Class/Style	<u>Mutual Fund</u>	<u>Target</u>	Range	5/31/2015	<u>5/31/2015</u>	<u>Target</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Asset Allocation	PIMCO All Asset All Authority	25.0%	23-27%	24.8%	\$575,259	\$578,806	\$3,547
Balanced	FPA Crescent	25.0%	23-27%	25.1%	\$580,145	\$578,806	-\$1,340
Balanced	First Eagle Global	25.0%	23-27%	25.1%	\$581,967	\$578,806	-\$3,162
Balanced	IVY Asset	25.0%	23-27%	24.7%	\$571,593	\$578,806	\$7,213
Cash	Cash	0.0%	0.0%	0.3%	\$6,258	\$0	-\$6,258
Total		100%		100%	\$2,315,222	\$2,315,222	

April 2015 Return	
03/31/15 Value	\$2,279,690
Contrib/Withdraw	-\$1,250
Net Invested Capital	\$2,278,440
Gain/Loss	\$40,702
04/30/15 Value	\$2,319,142
April 2015 Return	1.79%
YTD 2015 Return	3.46%

May 2015 Return	
04/30/15 Value	\$2,319,142
Contrib/Withdraw	\$0
Net Invested Capital	\$2,319,142
Gain/Loss	-\$3,920
5/31/15 Value	\$2,315,222
May 2015 Return	-0.17%
YTD 2015 Return	3.28%

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Comments & Recommendations

Commentary

- Since 9/2009, the portfolio has achieved an annualized return of 4.2% versus the benchmark (Morningstar Moderate Allocation Index) return of 9.6% and the 5% actuarial assumption
- We are comfortable with the structure of the portfolio since we made the changes in March 2014
 - All of the existing funds have significantly beaten their peer group index (Morningstar Moderate Allocation Index) over the 8- and 10-year time periods, which offers a glimpse of how they have performed over a full-market cycle. The 3- and 5-year performance periods only offer an "up market" horizon; thus, we have been counseling Trustees to focus on the 8- and 10-year periods.

Recommendations

• Re-Balance to the Target Asset Allocation



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